GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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COSTLY MEDICINES AND INSTRUMENTS IN HOSPITALS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government provides costly medicines and instruments in all the Government hospitals ;

(b) if so, the minimum and maximum prices of these medicines and instruments ;

(c) whether these medicines and instruments are properly utilised by the hospitals;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a): In all the Central Government hospitals, the medicines, instruments and equipments are procured as per the need and availability of resources.

(b): The cost of medicines may vary from a tablet of five paise to an injection of ampule of more than Rs.5000/- likewise cost of the instruments and equipments may vary from a few thousand to few crores for a state of the art equipment.

(c) to (e): The medicines, instruments and equipments are utilized for the purpose for which they are procured.